Providing yarn to handloom weavers in A.P.

3321. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any concrete steps to provide yarn to handloom weavers of Andhra Pradesh at affordable rates and in sufficient quantities; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has been implementing a scheme for arranging supply of yarn to handloom weavers, at the prices at which it is available at the mill gate. This scheme is implemented throughout the country.

(b) The aforesaid scheme is implemented through the National Handloom Development Corporation Ltd. (NHDC), a Central Public Sector Undertaking. Under the scheme NHDC makes available all types of yarn required by handloom weavers and their organizations against indents, at the price at which the yarn is available at the mill gate *i.e.* the place of manufacturing. Hence, the weavers do not have to bear the cost of transportation from the spinning mills. Thus, the yarn becomes generally more affordable than if purchased from the local market. Under the scheme, NHDC has supplied 55.68 lakh kg yarn worth Rs. 6265.40 lakh in Andhra Pradesh in the years 1995-96 to 2001-02 (up to February, 2002.)

Procurment of cotton by CCI

3322. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of cotton procured by Cotton Corporation of India from various cotton producting States during the current year, State-wise; and

(b) the total quantum of cotton exported as compared to procurement made by the Cotton Corporation of India during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Quantum of cotton procured by Cotton Corporation of India during the current cotton year 2001-02 (October-September), State-wise, is as under:—

(in bales of 170 kg. each)

State	Commercial Purchase (as on 17.4.2002)	Purchase under support price operation (as on 17.4.2002)	Total Purchase (as on 17.4.2002)
Punjab	12,570	000	12,570
Haryana	9,459	504	9,963
Rajasthan	23,658	43,775	67,433
Gujarat	12,672	2,21,201	2,33,873
M.P.	1,275	61,611	62,886
A.P.	000	4,63,833	4,63,833
Karnataka	1,445	74,274	75,719
Orissa	795	17,400	18,195
West Bengal	513	80	593
Tamil Nadu	200	-	200
TOTAL :	62,537	8,82,678	9,45,265

(b) Quantity of cotton procured and exported by Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. during last three years are as under:—

(in bales of 170 kg. each)

Year (Oct.-Sept.)	Procurement	Cotton Export
1998-1999	4,29,602	13,352
1999-2000	5,08,072	6,574
2000-2001	6,02,291	5,913

Textile Exports

3323. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for textile exports during the last five years;

(b) whether the targets were achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the foreign exchange earned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (d) The value of foreign exchange earned and targets and achievements of exports of textile products during the last five years are given below:—